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U.S. Small Business Administration Selects Danbury Resident As 2006 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year

Danbury – T. Thomas Davis, Vice President, External Supplier Diversity of Cendant Mobility in Danbury, CT has been named Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for 2006 by the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Winners in this celebrated category have fulfilled a commitment to support minority entrepreneurship and have demonstrated efforts to improve the conditions in the minority small business community. Cendant Mobility is an industry leader in global mobility and workforce development support to organizations worldwide.

As Vice President, External Supplier Diversity, Tom is responsible for all of Cendant Mobility's diversity initiatives. Cendant Mobility is an active member of the Connecticut Minority Supplier Development Council (CMSDC) and Tom is the CMSDC board of director's chairperson. Under Tom's leadership, dollars to minority business enterprises (MBEs) have increased 240% or 50 million dollars from 1996 to 2004.

Prior to becoming vice president, Tom was director finance and accounting where he was responsible for all financial aspects of an operating division of Cendant Mobility. As director quality assurance, Tom developed and implemented an automated system that captured client service feedback, enabling the company to isolate problems, make corrections and enhance client satisfaction.

As chairperson of the board of directors for the Connecticut Minority Supplier Development Council (CMSDC) Tom has incorporated supplier diversity as a business imperative within Cendant Mobility. Working with the CMSDC, Tom has been able to open doors for minority entrepreneurs that might not have been made available. Tom is also an active member of Concerned Black Men for Youth, the NAACP and a former baseball coach with 2 state championship teams in Connecticut.

A native of Stamford, CT, Tom currently resides in Danbury.

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An award celebration for the SBA 2006 award recipients will be held Thursday June 15, 2006 at 4:00p.m. at The Belvedere, New Haven CT, for more information contact Greta Johansson at (860) 240-4672 or Hugh Curley at (860) 240-4650.

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